

**RESOLUTION NO. 54-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA,  
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 103-95, AND ESTABLISHING A  
UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS**

**THE CITY COUNCIL  
City of Morro Bay, California**

**WHEREAS**, on August 28, 1995, the Morro Bay City Council adopted Resolution No. 103-95, which established economic hardship criteria, and a program for water rate adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morro Bay City Council now wishes to rescind Resolution No. 103-95; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to establish the Utility Discount Program for eligible customers, and the methodology for qualifying for the program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay, as follows:

1. Resolution No. 103-95, is hereby rescinded.
2. The Utility Discount Program is established, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the "Program").
3. The funding for the Program will come from the prior fiscal year's actual water and sewer penalties, non-sufficient funds charges, reconnection fees, as well as annual voluntary donations to the Program.
4. The determinant for qualification for the Program will be then current participation in the PG&E Customer Care program.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:       Irons, Headding, Johnson, Smukler  
NOES:       None  
ABSENT:     Makowetski

  
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JAMIE L. IRONS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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DANA SWANSON, City Clerk



## **CITY OF MORRO BAY UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM**

### **PURPOSE**

To assist eligible customers with the increased costs of City Utility Bills (water and sewer), a Utility Discount Program is established.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

1. An eligible customer is one who is currently enrolled in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Customer Care Program. Currently, there are 967 Morro Bay residents enrolled in the program, per PG&E.
2. Annual verification of enrollment in PG&E's Customer Care Program is required.

### **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

1. Enrollment:
  - a. Beginning July 1, 2015, customers, who participate in PG&E's Customer Care Program, may enroll in the City's Utility Discount Program.
  - b. Enrollment applications are available on the City's website at [www.morro-bay.ca.us/utilitydiscount](http://www.morro-bay.ca.us/utilitydiscount) or in City Hall.
2. Eligibility:
  - a. Customers establish eligibility by completing an application for the Utility Discount Program, and presenting a copy of their PG&E bills, which indicate participation in PG&E's Customer Care Program.
  - b. Every July, existing customers must requalify by completing a new application, and presenting current PG&E bills, indicating continued participation in PG&E's Customer Care Program.
  - c. Newly-eligible residents (just moved to Morro Bay), and/or existing residents, newly-qualifying for PG&E's Customer Care Program, may apply at any time; requalification is still required every July.

### 3. Program Funding and Awards:

- a. Funding for the program will come from the following prior year actual revenue sources:
  - i. Penalties;
  - ii. Charges for non-sufficient funds check fees;
  - iii. Application fees; and
  - iv. Tax-deductible donations.
- b. The annual discount calculation, per customer, is based on the prior year's actual receipts and a fixed number of applicants, based on the number of applicants in PG&E's Customer Care Program.
- c. Eligible customers will be provided with a monthly billing adjustment, based on the amount of money available divided by the current number of PG&E Customer Care Program participants. For example:

$\$94,000 \text{ available funding divided by } 967 \text{ participants} = \$97 \text{ per year, or } \$8.08 \text{ per month}$

### 4. Donating to the Utility Discount Program Fund:

- a. Customers will be provided with the opportunity to donate money to the Utility Discount Program Fund through their Utility bills by checking the box, located at the bottom of their bill.
- b. Tax-deductible donations of cash or checks may be given to the Utility Clerk; donors are encouraged to consult with their CPAs to verify tax-deductible status of the donation.